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In re Appln. of: Darin G. Schaeffer, et al.Appln. No.: 10/608,043Filed: June 27, 2003For: INTRODUCER SHEATHAttorney Docket No: 10703/025 (PA-5346-RFB)Examiner: Ho, Uyen T.Art Unit: 3731Confirmation No. 7932

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Transmittal duplicate; Response to Office Action Dated June 30, 2006
☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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- ☐ No additional fee is required.
☐ Small Entity.
☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$_____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
☐ A petition or surcharge in an amount of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e).
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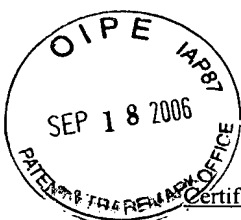
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Respectfully submitted,

Date

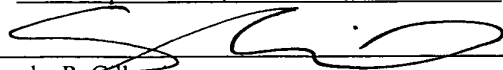
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 30, 2006

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
The Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2006, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which
begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.